

A New Year's Special!

Monday, Dec. 31

200 Japanese Lacquered Serving Trays at \$1.25 and \$1.38

We bought these trays for our Christmas trade. They arrived on the morning of the 24th too late to even make an announcement.

What could be better than one of these trays to return some appreciated gift or for making a New Year's present? One lady who saw them in our store on Christmas day has bought four of them for her friends. To see them is to buy. So if you don't want one of these trays, don't look when you pass our windows.

Japanese Lacquer with its unique decorations has never been produced in this country. It is a secret process known only to the Japanese, and owing to the dearth of ships Japanese goods are to be exempted from further import. To say that they are beautiful is putting it mildly.

The price of these trays have been cut in two and we consider them the best bargain we could offer you.

Do not forget the date, Dec. 31st.

B. W. Hooker & Co., Inc.

Ambulance Service—Undertakers

WATERBURY

Letters Received from Abroad Bring Good Messages.

Miss Jane Boicourt received on Christmas day from her father, Rev. William L. Boicourt, from Lyon, France, the following cablegram: "I liked your Christmas card." Cards with the season's greetings were sent to the different church committees and organizations and to individuals who had written him. Recent letters to Mrs. Boicourt tell of his location on the "aristocratic hilltop of Croix Rousse in Lyon." His room has a southern exposure, and on clear days he can see Mount Blanc. He is in a Protestant preacher's home. In this home is the pastor, who has just returned from two years' absence at the front, in service as a chaplain. Also the latter's wife, a son, 22 years of age, who is at the front; one daughter, about 16, who is studying the cello; twins, a girl and a boy, aged 11, and an eight-year-old boy. Other letters tell of his chance for hearing good music, of the operas in French which furnish him the opportunity for the study of the language. An interesting account is also given of a banquet to one of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries departing for the front.

Letters received by E. E. Campbell from his son, Lieut. Harold Denney Campbell, show great appreciation for a pair of hip rubber boots, which Mr. Campbell had sent him. Lieut. Campbell had been free from the foot trouble which so many had had, due probably to the protection which these boots had given him. A book of Paris views, upon which he had freely inscribed, was sent home, also two snapshots, in one of which he had on his gas mask. Lieut. Campbell seems to be feeling well and anxious to get into the trenches.

Letters from Private Eric Graves tell many things of interest regarding the French people, in which he says: "A more cordial race of people than the French doesn't exist. Not only do the Americans like the French, but the French like the Americans. If I couldn't be an American, I'd rather be a Frenchman than anything else I know of." Like all others, he pays great tribute to the Y. M. C. A.

Carlisle Child, who has been at the home of his mother, Mrs. Albert Rattee, for the holidays, returned yesterday to his work for the Colt Firearms Co. in Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Child tells of the large number of women employed in this factory.

While cutting timber on the Huntley lot on Crockett hill, Edwin F. Palmer and A. F. Merchant cut a red birch which was 42 inches on the stump, the two

trunk logs having over 900 feet. One branch had 408 feet. There were 1,000 feet of saw logs in the tree, besides a quantity of wood.

Mrs. John Palmer of Dorchester, Mass., spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haines in Nashua, N. H. An operation was performed at the Mary Fletcher hospital on the eye of Howard Kennedy which was injured by a flying knot at the Elliott mill last week, and the doctors will wait a few days before doing anything further. No hope is given that the sight will be saved.

In compliance with the order of the state commissioner of education the village schools here and at Waterbury Center will not be opened until Jan. 14.

Bobby's Patient.

Little Bobby's father was a doctor, and Bobby liked nothing better than to take his father's case in his hand and go down the street for a block or two to some imaginary patient. One winter's day, when he started out, he forgot to close the door.

"Bobby," called mother's voice sweetly, "please close the door." But Bobby was in a hurry and went on.

"Robert," came father's stern voice, "close that door."

Bobby returned and closed the door. Some time later he came in quietly, put up the case and overcoat, and started upstairs.

"Bobby," said mother, indignantly, "how's your patient?"

"Dead," was the laconic answer. "Gone dead while I was shutting that old door."—Irish World.

LOCAL BOARD.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, VT.

Federal Building, Room 6, Montpelier, Vt.

Important Notice to Registrants Under Jurisdiction of This Local Board, Whose Order Numbers Are Between No. 1941 and No. 2160, Inclusive.

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment, and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

Dec. 31, 1917.

Lewis C. Moody, Member of Local Board.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Clearance sale at Abbott's.

Frederico Labrona of 13 Granite street was taken to the City hospital yesterday for treatment.

Mrs. Carroll H. Granger of Randolph came Saturday to visit friends here and will remain over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Finlay have gone to Burlington to remain with friends until after New Year's.

Music furnished for all occasions by Montpelier M. band orchestra, Karl Forsell, manager, phone Montpelier 252-W.

Odd Ladies wishing to go to Graniteville Friday evening please notify the secretary, Mrs. Nellie Bianchi, before Jan. 3.

Mrs. E. Carroll, who has been receiving treatment at the City hospital, was able to be removed to her home on Reid street Saturday.

Mrs. Benjamin Howard of Springfield, Mass., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Moore, on Ayers street for a period of indefinite length.

Attorney Philomere Harris and Mrs. Harris of Biddford, Me., are passing several days in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Brown of Jefferson street.

Edward Carroll, who is passing a week's vacation at his home on Bolster avenue, returned this morning to Hartford, Conn., where he is employed in the office of a coal company.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes, who have been passing two weeks in Barre as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Rowen at Hotel Barre, left this morning for their home in Lawrence, Mass.

Through the intervention of a legal holiday on Tuesday, union barbers missed their customary half-holiday, as the shops are to remain open until 9 o'clock this evening. They will be closed all day to-morrow.

Clyde Lawless, who has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Lawless of Kirk street, during the past week, returned this morning to Hartford, Conn., where he is employed in the office of a munition plant.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Murley and daughter of Summer street returned to the city Saturday, after passing several days with relatives in Jonesville and Burlington. Officer Murley completed a week's vacation from his duties in the police department and resumed his beat yesterday.

Andrew Blackmore arrived Saturday from Newport, R. I., where he is stationed at the Newport naval training station, to spend a short furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Blackmore, of Pleasant street. Mr. Blackmore expects to return to Newport to-morrow.

Mrs. Minnie Sanders, who has been passing several months with relatives in Piermont, N. H., is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark F. Cutler, of Elm street, for a time. Later Mrs. Sanders expects to go to Atlanta, Ga., there to make an extended visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Grant.

Making a part of the distance in the teeth of a biting wind and with the mercury hovering around 12 degrees below, Kenneth Nicholson of Elm street drove home to Barre from Wardsfield Saturday. Benjamin Prestini has returned to Quincy, Mass., after passing several days at his home on Short street.

Medardo Asti, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Asti of 46 Maple avenue, passed away Saturday afternoon after a brief illness. The child was one month old. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body was placed in the receiving vault at Elmwood. Interment in Hope cemetery will be made in the spring.

Raymond Beaton and Alex. J. Smith, former residents in Barre, have left their homes in South Ryegate for Jacksonville, Fla., via Springfield, Mass. Messrs. Beaton and Smith expect to spend the winter in the training camp for the quartermaster's department. A South Ryegate item states that almost the entire village turned out to see the young men off at the station. Mr. Smith formerly conducted a wholesale granite office in Barre and his companion attended Spaulding high school.

The auction sale last Saturday at the Cumming dairy farm on Trow hill, on account of the extreme cold weather, was adjourned to Wednesday of this week, Jan. 2, at 1 o'clock sharp. The few people who attended the sale Saturday were much pleased with the stock and other property and will come again. Mr. Cumming thought best to adjourn the sale, as he has some good property and will sell the same for the high dollar, and for this kind of stock and crops a mild or comfortable day ought to bring out a good-sized crowd. See further ad. in this paper on page 7. C. F. Smith, auctioneer.

James Booth, who is a member of B company of the 1st Quebec regiment of infantry, at present stationed at Montreal, is spending a short leave of absence at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Booth of Everett street. Corporal Booth, who was formerly employed by the E. M. Laws fruit store in the old city building, has been residing in Boston during the past few years, where he has been employed in a large hotel, he having enlisted in the Canadian regiment last September. Corporal Booth expects to return to his regiment at Montreal Wednesday evening.

Congregations in the Graniteville Presbyterian church and the First Baptist church heard farewell messages yesterday from Rev. Joseph F. Plainfield, who is leaving Barre within a few days to take up missionary work in Newark, N. J. He preached his last sermon before the Presbyterians of Graniteville in the forenoon, and in the evening the mission church on Brook street and the parent church united for services in the building of the latter. Rev. Mr. Plainfield was assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. B. J. Leigh. The retiring head of the Italian mission in Brook street spoke feelingly of his relations with the Baptist people of Barre.

A nice little leather diary for 1918 will be given to each boy and girl who enters the composition contest at the People's National bank, whether such contestant wins a prize or not. There are \$20 in prizes to be given away. Subject of composition is "National Banks." All boys 15 and under may compete, and compositions may be any length up to 150 words. Contest closes Saturday, Jan. 5, at 3 p. m. Compositions should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with name, age and street address marked on outside. These diaries are dandies and all the boys will surely want one of them, and probably the girls, too. Each boy and girl will get a diary and perhaps you may get \$10 besides.—adv.

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A son was born Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Perry.

Johnson & Gustafson will open their shed for work Thursday morning, Jan. 3.

Ladies' \$45 fur-trimmed plush coats, \$25, as cash raiser, at Sadler's, Keith avenue.

Two dozen ladies' and misses' latest model cloth coats this date by express, 33-1-3 per cent. discount. Sadler's, Keith avenue.

Samuel Levin has returned to his home in Burlington, after passing a few days with his uncle, M. S. Levin of Merchant street.

The Blanchard Block Co. is furthering the fuel conservation movement in its business block by the erection of a portico in the main entrance.

Howard R. Bolster has returned to Barre, after passing a part of the holiday season with relatives in Weston, where he formerly resided.

Rev. L. A. Edwards, pastor of the Congregational church in Newport, was the guest through the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hutchinson of Wellington street. Sunday the Newport clergyman conducted both the morning and evening services in the Barre Congregational church.

At city hall Thursday, Dec. 27, Miss Mary Casario, daughter of Mr. Mary Casario of Addison place, and Tony Pisano, a chauffeur, were married by Justice of the Peace James Mackay. The bride is only 14 years old and a special permit from her mother had to be registered before the ceremony took place. Mr. and Mrs. Pisano are making their home in Addison place.

To-morrow, New Year's day, the annual meeting of the First Baptist church will be held. The afternoon session opens at 2:30, with reports from the different departments and election of officers for the ensuing year. At 5 o'clock a picnic supper will be served. After the supper the roll of the church will be called by the clerk. At 8 o'clock Rev. Edgar Crossland will deliver a stereopticon lecture, subject, "From Cape to Cairo." Every member of the church and congregation is urged to be present.

The New Barre Clothing Co., which has been managed by Alex. Corey and his brother, Tony Corey, since it succeeded the American Clothing Co. on North Main street, has vacated the north store apartment in the A. Tonasi block. Alex. Corey has not completed his plans for the future, although other partners in the concern, his brother, Tony, and Hilder Habeeb, will continue in the mercantile business, devoting much of their time to traveling. A Waterbury fruit dealer has leased the store vacated by the company and will conduct one of a string of Orange Front establishments.

Two weddings in the Italian colony of Barre were celebrated Saturday, when Miss Elisa Oltolini of Blackwell street and Edward G. Polli, and Miss Antonette Reghini and Dante Ricciardi were married. The Polli-Oltolini nuptials took place at city hall, where Justice of the Peace James Mackay officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Polli is a resident of East Orange, N. J. He is a granite cutter by trade. The wedding of Miss Reghini and Mr. Ricciardi took place at the bride's home, 98 Smith street, in the evening at 7 o'clock, a large company of friends being present. A reception followed the ceremony. The groom is a granite worker.

Walter J. Chenoweth of Williamstown, who left last September in the first Orange county draft and who has since been stationed at Camp Devens, recently received notification from the war department at Washington that he had been honorably discharged with instructions to re-enlist in the medical reserve corps and resume his college work at Cornell. He immediately took the physical examination and re-enlisted. He is now spending a few days at his home in Williamstown. While in the service Mr. Chenoweth attained the rank of sergeant, and his name had recently been recommended for the third officers' training camp, which opens at Devens Jan. 5.

Eagles' hall in the Worthen block furnished the setting for a farewell reception in honor of Lieut. Max C. Fisher Saturday evening, when nearly 100 of his friends came together. Alfred W. Bancroft acted as master of ceremonies and presided acceptably over an impromptu program of singing and speaking, which followed by J. Cappio and his assistants. Among those who spoke were Lester H. Greene of Montpelier, Atty. Philomere Harris of Biddford, Me., a brother-in-law of the lieutenant, and Clinton F. Millar. John (Cuddys) Duncan contributed three vocal solos, and Mr. Cappio was impressed as a soloist at times during the evening. Lieut. Fisher contributed two readings, "The Spell of the Yukon" and "Motherland," and the North Barre Italian orchestra did its share in adding interest and variety to the program. A committee, consisting of Karl Sawyer, Ernest Marchetti, E. J. Ruffo, J. Cappio and Louis Sassi had charge of the affair. Lieut. Fisher expects to leave Barre on Thursday for an Atlantic port, in the expectancy of going abroad for service.

Ladies of Clan Gordon, please notice! The regular meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 4, instead of Tuesday, Jan. 1. Also leave due books with Mrs. Angus before Jan. 1 for audit.

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Household furniture for sale at 147 Washington street, upstairs.

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